

**To:** Blankenship, Melissa[Blankenship.Melissa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Litwin, Michael  
**Sent:** Mon 3/4/2013 8:55:38 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Seven Hills Mine  
[seven hills mine permit application.doc](#)

A copy of our letter is attached. I reviewed the email chain, and actually I was informed that the permit is in the process of being approved.

Michael Litwin

On Mon, Mar 4, 2013 at 2:50 PM, Blankenship, Melissa <[Blankenship.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Blankenship.Melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for the information! I contacted DNR and Dave Phillips responded informing me that Seven Hills is in the final review stages. It has not yet been approved. They are still compiling some information. I know you sent us your comment letter on portions of the SMCRA permit application back in 2010, but I can't seem to locate it. I apologize. Would you mind sending it electronically? Have a great afternoon!

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**From:** Litwin, Michael [[michael\\_litwin@fws.gov](mailto:michael_litwin@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:26 AM  
**To:** Blankenship, Melissa  
**Subject:** Re: Seven Hills Mine

My contact person for biology information is Ramona Briggeman, the Division of Fish and Wildlife biologist assigned to Reclamation ([rbriggeman@dnr.in.gov](mailto:rbriggeman@dnr.in.gov)). For other issues, a broader perspective and a higher level of administration it would be Eric Langer, the permit coordinator ([elanger@dnr.in.gov](mailto:elanger@dnr.in.gov)).

On Thu, Feb 28, 2013 at 12:16 PM, Blankenship, Melissa <[Blankenship.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Blankenship.Melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Thank you for the heads-up. I contacted the Corps and confirmed they do not have a 404 application in-house. Do you know who the main POC is at DNR if I have questions about the SMCRA permit?

Melissa

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**From:** Litwin, Michael [[michael\\_litwin@fws.gov](mailto:michael_litwin@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 7:49 AM  
**To:** Blankenship, Melissa  
**Subject:** Seven Hills Mine

Melissa

I don't know who at EPA will be working on the coal mine discussed below but maybe you can pass it on as a heads-up. I sent you a copy of our comments on the mining permit application (November 30, 2010).

The Seven Hills Mine (S-357) has been approved. They are proposing about 400 acres of wetland impacts (as they have from the start). I don't know all the details, except that the mining permit authorizes immediate minor impacts in uplands but does not allow any mining in wetlands until a 404 permit is approved. To my knowledge they don't have an active 404 permit application at this time.

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